

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 35, 36, 38, 39, 41 and 42 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. The claims, as currently pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1 to 33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus which comprises a connection unit connected to an external processing apparatus, and which further comprises plural card slots in which plural kinds of detachable memory cards are respectively inserted, comprising:

a reading unit constructed to read out data from memory cards inserted in the card slots; and

an access control unit constructed to set a card slot as an accessible card slot which the reading unit can access,

wherein, in an initializing state after a power supply is turned on, the access control unit sets a card slot in which a memory card is first inserted as the accessible card slot, sets the card slots other than the accessible card slot as inaccessible, and does not change the setting of the accessible card slot until the power supply is turned off.

35. to 36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) A method of controlling an image processing apparatus which comprises a connection unit connected to an external processing apparatus, and which further comprises plural card slots in which plural kinds of detachable memory cards are respectively inserted, comprising:

reading out data from memory cards inserted in the card slots; and

setting a card slot as an accessible card slot which can be accessed to read data,

wherein, in an initializing state after a power supply is turned on, a card slot in which a memory card is first inserted is set as the accessible card slot, the card slots other than the accessible card slot are set as inaccessible, and the setting of the accessible card slot does not change until the power supply is turned off.

38. to 39. (Canceled)

40. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program for controlling an image processing apparatus which comprises a connection unit connected to an external processing apparatus, and which further comprises plural card slots in which plural kinds of detachable memory cards are respectively inserted, said program comprising the steps of:

reading out data from memory cards inserted in the card slots; and

setting a card slot as an accessible card slot which can be accessed to read data,

wherein, in an initializing state after a power supply is turned on, a card slot in which a memory card is first inserted is set as the accessible card slot, the card slots other than the accessible card slot are set as inaccessible, and the setting of the accessible card slot does not change until the power supply is turned off.

41. to 42. (Canceled)